Docket No.: 50212-547

## REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

031088 U.S. PTO 10/692805

Prior Application:

International Application No. PCT/JP03/01588

Art Unit:

(Unassigned) (Unassigned)

Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled <u>OPTICAL SIGNAL</u> <u>PROCESSOR</u>, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of pending prior International Application No. <u>PCT/JP03/01588</u>, by the following named inventors:

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1. 🛚	I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. 🗌	Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
2a. 🛛	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
3. 🗌	Cancel claims .

4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

	NO. OF		EXTRA		
	CLAIMS		CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	7	-20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
			Basic	Application Fee	\$770.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00		\$0.00			
Total Application Fee		\$770.00			
Subtract ½ if small entity			\$0.00		
		TOTA	L APPLICAT	ION FEE DUE	\$770.00
AMOUNT TO BE	E CHARGED	TO DEPO	SIT ACCOU	NT NO. 500417	\$770.00

4a. 🔲	Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
4b. 🗌	A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
5. 🛚	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent International application No.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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10. 🛚	<ol> <li>Also enclosed:</li> <li>International Search Report from JPO.</li> <li>PCT/IB/304 (Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document)</li> </ol>
11. 🗌	A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until
12.  record)	Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of

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